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4th MEB stands up

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Headquarters Marine Corps

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS, Washington — The Marine Corps announced plans this week to activate the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Antiterrorism) to coordinate its efforts to deter, detect, defend against and respond to acts of domestic and international terrorism.

Structure

The unit will combine the capabilities and resources of the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, the Marine Security Guard Battalion, the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force and a newly designated Marine Antiterrorism Battalion, supported by dedicated aviation and combat service support assets.

While forward-deployed Marines have been dealing with the threat of terrorism overseas for many years, the attacks on Sept. 11 caused Marine officials to assess their future plans to deal with the evolving terrorist threat.

The activation of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Antiterrorism) is the result of that assessment.

Commander

Commanded by Brig. Gen. Douglas O'Dell, the new unit will initially be headquartered at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and will serve as the focal point for the Marine Corps' antiterrorism efforts, under the command of the Commander of Marine Forces Atlantic.

Mission

The command will help identify threats outside the U.S. through forward-based units and individual Marines; coordinate information sharing and antiterrorism training with other federal entities and agencies; take actions to prevent the loss of American lives or destruction of property overseas, and support actions by other U.S. agencies to actively reduce the terrorist threat.

Most Marines assigned to this command are presently operational and already forward deployed.

The headquarters is intended to increase the effectiveness of these elements.

Along with an additional battalion of Marines, the headquarters will join the effort when the unit is formally activated later this month.

The unit will grow and increase its capabilities in the months ahead.

Future Plans

Marine Corps officials also plan to increase the new unit's capabilities by adding a third Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team company.

By adding to and improving connectivity between existing antiterrorism capabilities — those designed to protect lives and property from acts of terrorism — Corps officials intend to ensure any federal agency or combatant command receives credible, responsive support in the war against terrorism.

When fully manned, the new unit will include about 4,800 Marines, including those based at embassies and other diplomatic missions around the world.



DoD photo by Lt. j.g. Douglas E. Houser

Aviation ordnancemen on the USS Enterprise (CVN-65) muscle ordnance into place as aircraft are readied for strike missions against al Qaeda terrorist training camps and military installations of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan on Oct. 7.

U.S. crews assault al Qaeda, Taliban

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. aircraft and Tomahawk cruise missiles hit 85 percent of their 31 targets during the first two days of strikes against the Al Qaeda terrorist network and Taliban support structure inside Afghanistan, DoD officials said Tuesday.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at a Pentagon press conference that strikes continue in Afghanistan for a third day. All U.S. aircrews returned safely, they said.

They said the continuing strikes were

the military side of the constant pressure the U.S. government and its allies are putting on Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network and its Taliban supporters.

The strikes hit terrorist training camps, airfields, anti-aircraft radars and launchers, communications nodes and some military concentrations. Gen. Myers said the initial strikes have given the U.S. "air supremacy" over Afghanistan, and the secretary said the United States can now conduct operations over the country "around the clock, as we wish."

The strikes set the stage for a sustained campaign against Al Qaeda and its

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1/12 begins PTA, prepares for MCCRE



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

As a large cloud moves in, a Bravo Battery 1/12 Marine stands security watch with his MK-19 automatic grenade launcher.

Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — Three batteries from 1st Battalion, 12th Marines moved here Oct. 2, to begin training before their Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation later this month.

Headquarters, Bravo and Charlie Batteries set up command posts and firing points in the field and began practicing fire missions and movements in preparation for the MCCRE.

"This is an exercise that we can count on all year," said Capt. George Robinson, Headquarters Battalion commander for 1/12. "We come out here to hone our skills before the MCCRE."

The training will be going on in stages over the next three weeks. It started out as a battery lev-

el operation, consisting of live-fire missions and battery-size movements.

The next week will unite the batteries as they begin training together as a battalion. They will be making battalion-size movements and synchronizing fire missions.

After the second week, 1/12 will begin providing supporting fire for the 3rd Marine Regiment during the evaluation.

The MCCRE will take place from Oct. 21-24.

The batteries will be evaluated on their ability to provide local security, communication and logistical support. They will also be evaluated on the speed of their fire missions and their ability to hit specified targets.

"The battalion is in good shape," said

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CFC campaign dedicated to fallen employee

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — In 14 years as the Army's Combined Federal Campaign administrator, Meta Waller raised more than \$30 million, Department of Defense officials said.

Waller, an Army civilian employee, died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, said David O. Cooke, the Defense Department's director for administration and management.

This year's DoD CFC ... of the National Capital Area is dedicated to those who lost their lives Sept. 11, and in particular, ... Meta Waller," he said in an Oct. 2 ceremony at the Pentagon for DoD's CFC kickoff.

The DoD campaign, officials noted, should conclude around Thanksgiving.

This year, in the national capitol area alone, the CFC goal is \$11.1 million. The department's aggregate donation is significantly higher as every defense activity and military installation

worldwide conducts a local campaign in this same general time period.

The Pentagon ceremony featured a bevy of distinguished guests, including Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz; Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi, who is also CFC's National Capitol Area chairman; Wilhelmina J. Rolark, president of the United Black Fund and vice chairman of the United Way campaign; and many others.

During his keynote address,

Wolfowitz remarked that the terrorists' attacks on the Pentagon and New York City had failed.

"No one can come into our house and destroy its true foundations," Wolfowitz said. "Those foundations are the ideals on which we built our military services and we built our country."

The deputy secretary praised Cooke and his team's efforts "in the enormous task" of securing and cleaning the Pentagon.

"Thus, we're beginning the

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The 2001 CFC Poster

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

ISLAND-WIDE DENGUE FEVER MEASURES UNDERWAY

Dengue Fever is threatening the people of Oahu, according to Bob Rock, environmental information specialist with the City and County of Honolulu’s Office of Information.

Take the following actions to help prevent spread of the disease.

- Inspect around your own home to eliminate potential breeding places for mosquitoes that transmit Dengue Fever. Inspect tires, planters, buckets, pots, clogged rain gutters, pans under flower pots, pet water dishes — anything that can collect water.

- Screens on windows and doors should be intact, so that mosquitoes cannot enter your home.

- Spray potted plants with insecticide or with a mixture of 4 ounces of liquid detergent to 1 gallon of water.

- Volunteer to help clean up local district parks, Saturday. Clean up will take place at the following locations: Aiea, Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village, Hawaii Kai, Kailua, Kaimuki, Kalihi/Palama, Kalihi Valley, Kaneohe, Koolauloa, Liliha/Kapalama, Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus, Manoa, McCully/Moiliili, Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu, North Shore, Nuuanu/Punchbowl, Palolo, Pearl City, Wahiawa, Waianae Coast, Waimanalo and Wapahu.

Call 523-CITY (2489) for more details, or visit www.CleanWaterHonolulu.com for more useful tips.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Mokapu Elementary School invites MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to join children and faculty participating in National Make a Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The school hopes to accomplish several projects such as painting, making benches and general clean up of school grounds. However, items are needed to support anticipated projects. Specifically, Mokapu needs drills with masonry, wood and screwdriver bits; extension cords; miter and circular saws; paint brushes, rollers and pans; rakes; shovels; and hoes.

Lunch will be provided.

Contact Cathy Burns at 254-7964, to register to participate, or for more details.

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Efforts to find remains never end

More than 88,000 American servicemembers and allied personnel still remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam Conflict.

Story by Lance Cpl.
Luis R. Agostini
Combat Correspondent

During combat, servicemembers are expected to protect the welfare of their warriors on all flanks, as well as themselves. If someone falls, comrades will make sure he or she is cared for and accounted for. No one is left behind, dead or alive.

Even if it means returning to the battlefields of Vietnam more than 30 years later, or searching through the deserts of the Middle East, servicemembers will carry on their efforts to locate, recover and identify the remains of those who gave their lives for their nation.

The tasks of searching, recovering and identifying remains of American military and allied personnel unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and other conflicts and contingencies lay in the hands of the Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii.

The lab has approximately 200 members, and by the end of 2002, it will have 250 members, said Ginger Couden, CILHI public affairs officer.

Military participants attached to CILHI are selected based on their military experience and training, along with any skills that may be useful in search, recovery and identification operations, said Couden.

Approximately 70 CILHI members left Oct. 1 to Southeast Asia, where they will search for remains of servicemembers in 12 Vietnamese provinces for 30 days.

The operations, which last for 30 to 45

days, consist of investigations and recoveries.

Joint Task Force Full Accounting is in charge of coordinating and investigating the location of the operations. Members of CILHI then go on the recovery missions.

A recovery consists of approximately 10 to 14 members. The team includes an anthropologist; a team leader, usually a captain; a noncommissioned officer in charge, normally a staff sergeant; a special forces medic; a linguist; an explosives ordnance disposal technician; a mortuary affairs specialis; and a photographer.

Life support analysts occasionally take part in missions to give their expertise in certain situations such as the type of helmets, flight suits and parachutes used during the particular incident, said Air Force Capt. Patrick Reynolds, recovery team leader, CILHI.

Items that have been recovered include nametapes, watches, and other small items, said Reynolds.

The dirt is filtered



Sgt. David Dingham

Staff Sgt. Brian Eagmin, explosive ordnance disposal technician, places a warning marker over a dud pit containing a BLU-26 fragmentation bomblet.

through a quarter-inch mesh, and hopefully some items will be found to help lead to the recovery and identification of missing servicemembers.

Since the inception of CILHI in 1975, the remains of more than 1,000 servicemembers have been recovered. Of those 1,000 servicemembers, approximately 705 were from Southeast Asia, 23 from the Korean War, 267 from World War II and 15 from surveillance planes that were hit during the Cold War.

Despite CILHI’s success in retrieving the remains of American military and allied personnel, the number of servicemembers un-

accounted for is astronomical. There are still 78,000 missing from World War II, 8,100 from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War, and 1,950 from the Vietnam War.

Although CILHI has a long way to go, members remain optimistic.

“It’s a good feeling to go out and look for these people,” said Reynolds, who went to Laos on a CILHI mission from Aug. 5 to Sept. 16 in search of the remains of unaccounted servicemembers who fought in Vietnam.

“Hopefully, we can go out and bring closure to the families, the military, the government, and the U.S.,” Reynolds added.



Sgt. David Dingham

Above and Below — Members of Joint Task Force Full Accounting and CILHI excavate a recovery site in Savannakhet province of Laos during Joint Field Activity 01-5L in August and September.



Sgt. David Dingham

COMMENTARY

‘A personal credo is needed in these times’

Chaplain Scott Carlson
CREDO Hawaii

An old legend goes like this: When human beings were about to be created, God had to decide where the secret of life should be placed.

He knew that the secret should be hidden somewhere clever, so that people would have an adventure to find it.

But God had a hard time deciding where it would be most challenging for people to locate the treasure.

“I should hide the secret of life at the top of the highest mountain.” God pondered.

“But people will invent airplanes and helicopters and rappelling equipment, or long hikes, and then everyone will be able to get to it,” God continued.

“Then how about at the bottom of the sea?” God next posed. “But they will invent ships, submarines and diving equipment, and that will be the end of the game.”

“CREDO” literally means “I believe.”

In several faith traditions, it is the first two words of a Latin verbal declaration of faith.

Religious insights are meant to be helpful. However, in times like these, faith can become too easily confused with government policy and military reprisals.

Especially when the potentially destructive nature of armed conflict is done “in the name of God,” it is natural to ask, “Believe what?” This is where a personal credo is comes into play.

Savage Garden gives voice to a credo in its tune, “Affirmation.”

“I believe in Karma; what you give is what gets returned.

I believe you can’t appreciate real love until you’ve been burned.

I believe the grass is no more greener on the other side.

I believe you don’t know what you’ve got until you say goodbye.”

Having a personal credo is paramount. This is cru-

cial not only for our own personal lives but also for military readiness and morale.

Given that some of the more extreme elements of various faith traditions cause hate, destruction and loss of life, what’s the answer?

Being a rather cognitive person by nature, I have always tried to solve these questions in my head. However, I am learning that belief is just as much, if not more, a thing deep within.

Perhaps the puzzles within cannot be answered with the questions of the mind. Yet, this still leaves the need for an appropriate response.

Karen Armstrong in her book “The Battle for God,” reminds us that the ancient faith traditions of the world have always included three common denominators: the idea of a single, universal transcendence, an internalized spirituality, and the importance of practical compassion.

What this means is that we are able to sit around a

table, over lunch, with people radically different from us.

Regardless of how we view the God of our understanding, we affirm a greater transcendence.

Regardless of our many faith traditions and world-views, our spirits grow and unite together within.

Regardless of how we implement our spirituality, we care not only for our own, but practice compassion for all people. And this is no more critical than in the days and demands that challenge us ahead.

The legend I began with ends in this way. God sat for a while reflecting, hands on chin, until his face lit up.

“I have it!” he exclaimed. “Let’s hide the answer within each person — they’ll never think to look there!”

During intense times when spiritual, physical, mental and emotional courage are called for, our personal credo will come to us. It will come in places we might otherwise overlook.

LSV



Marines load PTA-bound gear aboard the USAV Charles P. Gross at Waipio Point Oct. 3. The embarkation of the vehicles and equipment is coordinated by Marines from Landing Support Company, CSSG-3.

First to arrive, last to leave

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

Marines in Landing Support Company, Combat Service Support Group 3, loaded the U. S. Army Landing Support Vessel Charles P. Gross at Waipio Point, Oct. 3, with cargo and vehicles to be taken to the Big Island to support Pohakuloa Training Area exercises.

Although it was a routine operation, the Marines conducted their mission with precision and attention to detail in order to load the LSV with vehicles from Headquarters Co., 3rd Marine Regiment and 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, as well as vehicles from CSSG-3.

Easily identified by the bright red patches on the front of their covers and the side of their trousers, the landing support Marines take pride in their military heritage and are critical personnel anytime Marines go to combat.

"We provide the beans, bullets and bandages to the forward edges of the battlefield," said Staff Sgt. Marvin M. Bogie, platoon sergeant for Landing Support Platoon. "We're a support element and we support the whole division."

On a broader scale, landing support Marines provide support for port operations, aerial control groups, departure control groups and beachfront operations, according to Bogie.

The history of landing support Marines can be traced back to World War II when Marines from the Pioneer Bn. stated the need for a distinct marking on their uniform to distinguish support personnel working on the beach from combat Marines.

During the Korean War, Pioneer Bn. became Shoreparty Bn., and they began to wear red patches on their covers, trousers and jackets.

Later, the patches were removed from their jackets, but the trouser and cover patches remained giving Landing Support a part in Marines Corps history, tradition and pride.

At Waipio Point it took only five landing support Marines to coordinate the loading of the landing support vehicle with more than 70 vehicles and trailers to be taken to K-pier on the Big Island for exercises at PTA.

For the five Marines, the LSV on-load was an opportunity to perform just one of the many integral missions of landing support Marines, according to Cpl. Jorge V. Elias, the on-load coordinator.

"In my platoon, we do a lot of helicopter support training. So, when it comes time for deployments and port operations, it gives us a chance to get back into the mode of training for our military occupational specialty," he said.

"I think this was a good chance for junior Marines in our unit to get back into our MOS because normally there is not a deployment going on," said Lance Cpl. Colin J. Hallett, a landing support specialist with LS Co.

"This gives me a chance to get out of



Corporal Jorge Elias, the onload coordinator for the USAV Charles P. Gross, guides a driver onto the vessel at the port facility in Waipio.

the shop and actually put to work the knowledge that I learned in school," Hallett added.

Not only was the port operation at Waipio Point a good chance for training, it was also a chance for the LS Marines to show what it means to wear a red patch.

WORD ON THE STREET

What does pride mean to you?



"Believing in what you do for your country and fighting for what is right."

Lance Cpl. Chad Blair
Mail clerk
3rd Marine Regiment

"It's what you believe in, it's an internal feeling, it's being a Marine and no one will change my mind on this."

Cpl. Lester Jackson
Asst. radio chief
Combat Support Co.,
3rd Marine Regiment



"Being in the Navy, and giving your best in everything you do."

Petty Officer 1st Class Beth Cabwell
Mess management specialist
Executive Transportation Detachment



"Giving 100 percent in everything you do — who can ask for anything more."

Petty Officer 3rd Class Samuel Gilliland
Corpsman
Headquarters & Service Co.,
2/3



"It's what makes me feel good, like my family, and my command, and it builds self esteem."

Petty Officer 1st Class Vincent Kelp
Aircrew electronic technician
Executive Transportation Detachment



Above Left — Lance Cpl. Sven O. Brunjes, a TOW gunner with Weapons Co., 2/3, waits in line in a Humvee to load onto the USAV Charles P. Gross Oct. 3 at Waipio Point. Above Right — A Humvee is guided onto the vessel at Waipio.



Left — Paul Phillips and Edward Bailey bow their heads in remembrance of a fallen Chosin comrade who passed away in September on the Big Island. Above — Loyal to their country, brothers of the Aloha Chapter of the Chosin Few pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chosin Few

Aloha Chapter remembers its heroes daily

Local Korean War veterans remain active throughout State, host talks

Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl.
Luis R. Agostini
MarForPac Public Affairs

In a day and age where heroes are coming out of the woodwork, 42 men remember their heroes daily — those who never made it back from the Chosin

Reservoir in the Korean War. The Aloha Chapter Chosin Few, which meets the first Saturday of the month at the Fleet Reserve Center, is a brotherhood dedicated to bringing about awareness of the men who fought in the Korean War. Established in 1985 in Boston, Mass., the Chosin Few boasts about 50 chapters nationwide, with one chapter across the Atlantic in England, recognizing the British Royal Marines were in Chosin alongside the

Talmadge, Korean War veteran, vice president of the Aloha Chapter of the Chosin Few and retired master gunnery sergeant. Then 1st Sgt. Talmadge arrived in Korea Aug. 2, 1950, with 1st Engineer Bn., and was rotated out in May 1951.

Those who were there remember the bitter cold of the Chosin Reservoir, which soon dubbed the battlegrounds with its moniker the “Frozen Chosin.” Men still feel the effects of frostbite suffered at Chosin, said Talmadge.

Members of the Aloha Chapter perform different functions and provide many services throughout Hawaii.

They regularly visit different educational institutions such as Hawaii Pacific University to speak to the students about their experiences during the war.

“One Saturday, I was at a store, and I met this young man whom I had given a class to at HPU.

“He came up to me and told me, ‘That was the best class I



Official USMC Photo

An example of the Marine Corps air and ground integration during fighting with Chinese communists in Korea, U.S. Marines move forward as close air support clears an area ahead during fighting near the “Frozen Chosin” Reservoir in early December, 1950.

had all semester.’ That felt really good,” said Talmadge.

The different veterans’ societies in Hawaii share the responsibility of cleaning and maintaining the different memorials across the island such as the Korean War Memorial, located by the State Capitol.

The Aloha Chapter swept, raked leaves and policed the

area each Thursday in September, beginning around 6 a.m.

They will be responsible for maintaining it again in March.

Servicemembers and civilians have shown their appreciation toward the men of the Aloha Chapter. Following the P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day ceremony, Sept. 28 by Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, Marines lined up to greet and thank Paul Phillips, former prisoner of war in Korea and member of the Aloha Chapter.

“I tell Paul that he is a Marine Corps treasure. People always ask him, ‘What did I do in those kinds of situations?’ He just

never gave up,” explained Talmadge.

For Marines who complain about being put on working parties, they should take heed of the men in the Aloha Chapter.

As for today’s Marines, members of the Chosin Few feel confident of their capabilities. “I’ve seen and talked to Marines,” said Talmadge, “and , they have the same spirit we did.”



The Aloha Chapter Chosin Few has a membership of 42 “brothers” and meets the first Saturday of every month at the Fleet Reserve Center.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE



Lance Cpl. Douglass P. Gilhooly

Coast Guardsmen from Port Security Unit 308, Gulfport, Miss., whiz by Mile Hammock Bay in one of their six, 25-foot Boston Whalers during a port security exercise.

Marines, Coast Guard train side by side

Lance Cpl. Douglass P. Gilhooly
Combat Correspondent

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The U.S. Coast Guard’s Port Security Unit 308 from Gulfport, Miss., spent three weeks at the Mile Hammock Bay and Courthouse Bay areas Sept. 27, executing an intense training course, which is part of a three-year long program.

“PSU-308 is just one of six units that are trained on a tri-annual basis,” said Coast Guard Capt. John A. Gentile, commanding officer of the Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Va.

According to the PSU training manual, the PSUs provide coastal sea control, harbor defense, and port security, in coastal areas outside the United States in support of national policy and in the U.

S. as part of this nation’s defense.

The PSUs are trained to deploy all over the country and the world to provide port and harbor security, said Gentile.

Each PSU has six 25-foot Boston Whaler boats that are equipped with two M-60 machine guns and one .50 caliber machine gun. They also have three- to four-man teams to pilot the boats.

All of the sailors have M-2 machine-guns and at least one M-203 grenade launcher on board.

Major Gen. David M. Mize, base commanding general, viewed a portion of the training and was impressed by the teamwork displayed.

“It’s a great synergistic effort,” said Maj. Gen. Mize. “The Coast Guard helps us and we help them. It’s a fine team endeavor. We hope to continue working to-

gether.”

The Coast Guard and the Marine Corps have a long history together, said Lt. Jeff O’Connell, officer-in-charge of the PSU Training Detachment’s Center of Excellence. “Many people don’t realize that the Coast Guard sailors brought the Marines to many of the battles during World War II, including Iwo Jima.”

“There are three centers of excellence (categories of training) that we teach here on Camp Lejeune,” said O’Connell. “We have fast boat training, port security training and less than lethal training.

According to O’Connell,

the fast boat training usually requires an initial two weeks of learning how to pilot the boat, followed by practical appli-

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Rinker named best SACO

Lance Cpl.
Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

The Substance Abuse Counseling Officer of the Quarter has been selected for the period of July through September 2001.

Staff Sgt. Curtis T. Rinker, former SACO for 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines, now S-3 chief for Headquarters Bn., was recognized with the award.

A SACO plays a very important role in the lives of Marines and Sailors throughout the Corps. Not only do they adminis-

ter urinalysis tests to detect drug use but also they serve as a liaison between Marines who get involved in alcohol and drug related incidents and the command.

It is the SACO's job to advise the command on what should be done to help a Marine with a substance abuse problem.



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Staff Sgt. Rinker behind his new desk as S-3 chief for Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

SACOs also give annual Professional

Military Education classes to inform Marines about trends in drug use and what to look out for.

Staff Sgt. Rinker had

performed this role well. He was recognized by the Substance Abuse Counseling Center Director, Roger O'Guin, and Clinical Director, Steven Jensen, for doing his job extremely well.

When he had taken over all the SACO responsibilities for 3/3, Curtis began assisting many servicemembers who were referred to him or whom sought his guidance, said O'Guin.

He was efficient, thorough and professional in carrying out his duties, and he was known as the most involved unit representative from MCB Hawaii, O'Guin added.

"I truly feel that I may have helped some of the Marines at 3/3," said Rinker. "I was just doing my job. Yet, it's always nice to be recognized."

Tractor lifts



Sgt. Joseph R. Chenelly

Marine CH-53E Super Stallions of the 15th MEU (SOC) transport tractors from Dili, East Timor, to isolated, rural areas on the island Sept. 16. The Marines helo-lifted about 110 tons of food, tractors and water pipes to outlying areas.

Career Marines get new incentives

Cpl.
Christopher A. Raper
Combat Correspondent

MCRD SAN DIEGO — The Subsequent Term Alignment Plan, implemented by Headquarters Marine Corps for Fiscal Year 2002, seeks to keep the Corps’ seasoned leaders.

Although similar to the First Term Alignment Plan, STAP has a different goal.

The FTAP focuses on Marines looking to reenlist after their first contract in the Marine Corps. The STAP focuses on career Marine retention.

Career Marines are Marines who have served two or more enlistments in the Corps.

Through STAP, these Marines are offered improved reenlistment incentives and information programs as they ap-

proach subsequent enlistments.

Each year since 1993, the number of first term Marines who must reenlist in order to keep the Corps at full force has increased, according to Gunnery Sgt. David L. Sanchez, career planner, MCRD San Diego.

“The reason we’ve seen a continuing increase in the number of first termers we have to keep is because we have seen a steady increase in the number of mid-term or career Marines leaving the Corps,” Sanchez said.

The implementation of STAP helps the Corps lighten the load for career planners by reducing the number of first-term Marines they must retain each fiscal year.

The plan focuses on sergeants, staff sergeants and gunnery sergeants who are approaching the



PFC James Sherrick

Gunnery Sgt. Charles R. Glimka, enlisted band leader at San Diego, raises his hand during his re-up ceremony on the rappel tower. Glimka, who reenlisted prior to the initiation of STAP, sees the program as an added way to encourage junior Marines to make the Corps a career.

end of their contracts during FY02.

“The plan helps put the right Marine in the right job at the right time,” said

1st Sgt. Tom A. Moyes, former Enlisted Career Counselor, Headquarters Marine Corps.

“It focuses on keeping

our leadership intact,” he added.

By ensuring that career Marines stay within their job field, the plan also reduces the need for lateral moves made by Marines from one military occupational specialty to another because of low personnel numbers.

“Whenever a career Marine gets out of the Marine Corps, a Marine must fill his place, causing the need for lateral moves,” Moyes said. “If career Marines remain within their MOS then the need for lateral moves is reduced.”

Bonuses are being made available for qualifying career Marines in reenlistment zones “B” (6-10 years time in service) and

“C” (10-12 years time in service).

Prior to STAP, most of the money allotted for bonuses was earmarked for first-term Marines.

“While I don’t think bonuses are a deciding factor for career Marines, it is always good to have a little extra gravy with your potatoes,” said Gunnery Sgt. Charles R. Glimka, enlisted band leader, Marine Band San Diego.

Glimka sees STAP as yet another way to encourage junior Marines to make the Corps their career.

The reenlistment goals will be set based on career force requirements, historical retention rates and end of active service populations by command.

TALIBAN, From A-1

Taliban supporters. Secretary Rumsfeld said conditions make it easier to deliver humanitarian rations.

General Myers said U.S. forces hit 13 targets with five to eight land-based bombers and 10 to 15 Navy strike aircraft. In addition, two ships and one submarine launched 15 Tomahawk missiles at targets in Afghanistan.

Two C-17 transports also dropped 37,500 Humanitarian Daily Ration packs to refugees within Afghanistan. DoD will deliver medical supplies to the Afghan refugees in the future. Secretary Rumsfeld said medical supplies would not be air-dropped.

Secretary Rumsfeld and Gen. Myers would not give specifics about future campaign plans. Secretary Rumsfeld said the air attacks would concentrate on “emerging targets” and hit them as necessary. He scoffed at reports that aircrews were running out of targets. “We’re not running out of targets, Afghanistan is,” he said.

PTA, From A-1

Robinson. “The fire batteries previously got a chance to practice shaking off the rust at Schofield.

“We should do very well, according to the battery commanders. In any case, we have two and a half weeks to get ready.”



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Bravo Battery uses a 5-ton truck to move one of it’s Howitzers during a movement.

The United States and its partners would continue to exercise the utmost care in selecting targets to minimize civilian casualties.

“If you try to quantify what we’re doing today in terms of previous conventional wars, you’re making a huge mistake,” Gen. Myers said. “That is ‘old think’ and that will not help you to analyze what we’re doing.”

Secretary Rumsfeld agreed, saying the war against terrorism is a “notably different situation” from those in the past. Before, the tonnage of bombs dropped was a measure of success. Other measurements having nothing to do with the Defense Department can be just as important.

“The Department of Justice and associated agencies in other countries have arrested literally hundreds of people and are interrogating them,” Gen. Myers said. “The Department of Treasury with cooperation from nations from around the globe have frozen a great many bank accounts and frozen millions of dollars of assets that are connected to terrorist organizations.”



DoD photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason D. Malcom

A crewmember readies an F-14A Tomcat for upcoming flight operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on the flight deck of the USS Enterprise (CVN-65).

He said State Department negotiations with friends and allies continue the diplomatic pressure on nations. This has caused some nations to break off relations with the Taliban, while others “are looking to themselves and their circumstance and the extent to which they might be seen to creating an environment hospitable to terrorists and making an adjustment to the way they behave.”

He also said intelligence communities worldwide are receiving, processing and sharing information.

“That’s not going up on a Wrigley Field scoreboard showing what’s happening,” Secretary Rumsfeld said. “But it is there and it is growing.

“It is adding pressure every single day.

“What has been done ... by DoD is contributing.”

CFC, From A-1

process of restoring this grand old building to its very foundations,” he said.

The attack also hasn’t stopped the Pentagon’s renovation program, which is slated for completion in 2012.

Donations provided to DoD’s CFC campaign, Wolfowitz noted, will play an important role in helping people affected by the terror attacks, “or almost any other tempest that life can bring.”

It is significant, he remarked, “that almost every agency providing national and local relief in the wake of Sept. 11 is part of the Combined Federal Campaign.”

Given the scope of the devastation that occurred at the Pentagon and New York City, the need for donations from entities like CFC will be great for some time to come, Wolfowitz said.

Wolfowitz added that DoD’s people “outdid themselves” last year, donating almost \$12 million.

“Now is the time for all of us to dig into our pockets and pocketbooks, to help exceed our goal for the Combined Federal Campaign, once again,” he said.

Rolark said DoD’s CFC campaign will not only address the needs of the victims and fami-

lies of the terror attacks, “but also the needs of the attendant communities, because the communities are really and truly suffering, too.”

Payroll deduction is a good way to contribute to CFC, Lopez remarked, explaining, “that payroll deduction allows folks to contribute over the long term without having to contribute a large amount up front.” He added, however, “we’re interested in any kind of contribution.”

This year, Lopez said, contributors may elect to use their pledge cards to give to terrorism relief organizations identified by the CFC as well as to designated charities. Key workers, he added, can help donors with specifics.

DoD CFC Director Steve Kelly remarked that in addition to Army, Navy and Air Force relief organizations, “every other disaster relief organization, whether locally or nationally, is in the CFC.” People can therefore donate to disaster relief organizations directly through the CFC.

Kelly expressed confidence that DoD’s National Capitol Area campaign will collect more than \$12 million. DoD’s overseas CFC, he added, should also do well.

“It seems everybody knows someone affected by the attacks,” he concluded.

Commissaries busy stocking up shelves

Stores are ensuring ample stock is on hand for Guard and reserve singles, families, as well as active duty, retired

Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — National Guard and reserve members called to active duty are prepared to make sacrifices in their lifestyle. However, one aspect of their quality of life will be improved when it comes to putting food on the table at home.

“We want to make sure the families of Guard and reserve members are well cared for in this stressful time,” said Air Force Major General Robert J. Courter, Jr., director of the Defense Commissary Agency. “Normally Guard and reserve members can shop the commissary 24 days per year as part of their benefits, but when called to active duty, their commissary privileges are unlimited. We want to make sure they know the benefit is here for them.”

The commissary is ranked as one of the top non-pay benefits in the military. An average savings of 30 percent on the total grocery basket means a family of four can save \$2,300 or more per year by shopping regularly at their commissary.

“The Guard, reserve and their authorized dependents activated for under 30 days must show a valid identification card and a copy of the active duty orders,” said DeCA Commissary Management

“We want to make sure we’re ready to support all members in this time of national emergency.”

Air Force Major Gen. Robert J. Courter
Director, Defense Commissary Agency

Specialist Bill Ritz. “But the Commissary Privilege Card does not have to be shown or stamped.”

A CPC is normally required at the register when the Guard or reserve member is not in active duty status. It is initialed or stamped each day the member utilizes the commissary benefit.

Guard and reserve personnel ordered to more than 30 days active duty are issued active duty I.D. cards, which automatically carry unlimited commissary privileges during the period of active duty.

“The DeCA team is working around the clock to make sure shelves are stocked and stores are open for all military families — a difficult, but achievable, task when access to installations is very restricted,” said Maj. Gen. Courter. “We want to make sure we’re ready to support all military servicemembers in this time



of national emergency, whether they’re active duty or Guard or reserve.”

For specific information on Guard and reserve commissary privileges, the DeCA website maintains an information page at http://www.commissaries.com/guard_reserve.html.

The Defense Commissary Agency’s vision statement is: “The Commissary Benefit — Cornerstone of Military Quality of Life.

“It is our goal to deliver the premier quality of life benefit for our military efficiently and effectively.”

With headquarters at Fort Lee, Va., the agency operates a worldwide chain of 281 commissaries to provide groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families.

Commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge, which covers the construction of new commissaries and the modernization of existing stores.

Patrons save an average of 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices. These savings, worth \$2,300 a year for a family of four, enhance the quality of life for America’s military and their families.

A valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries help the U.S. recruit and keep the best and the brightest men and women in the armed services.



Lt. j.g. Todd Anderson

Lt. j.g. Doug Leavengood taking the open book portion of his NATOP’s test during the FNET visit to VP-47.

VP-47 ‘Golden Swordsmen’ shine during in-depth exam

Lt. j.g. Todd Anderson
Patrol Squadron 47 Public Affairs

A Patrol Squadron 30 inspection team from Jacksonville, Fla., recently visited the Golden Swordsmen of Patrol Squadron 47.

The Fleet Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization Evaluation Team came to Hawaii to conduct a preliminary examination of the squadron and to determine the Golden Swordsmen’s proficiency and safety in operating the P-3C Orion.

In addition, the FNET evaluation scrutinized the level of knowledge and standardization throughout the squadron.

The team evaluated

the administrative side of how VP-47’s Safety/NATOPS department does business and the accuracy with which it maintains its records.

“This is one of the many hurdles we must clear as we prepare for our next deployment,” said Lt. Cmdr. Paul Neuzil, Safety/NATOPS department head. “We have been practicing these skills for six months while on deployment and we were ready for this test.”

Selected crews flew maritime patrol scenarios while the FNET members observed the crewmembers’ interaction and cooperation, evaluating their procedural knowledge as well as their aircrew coordination skills.

Individual crewmembers were also evaluated on their ability to carry out their respective responsibilities during simulated aircraft emergencies.

On the ground, those lucky enough to be selected were administered a NATOPS exam to test their open and closed book knowledge of their weapon platform, the P-3C.

The NATOPS exams are designed to ensure standardization throughout the fleet in regards to systems and procedural knowledge.

After the dust settled from the FNET evaluations, the Golden Swordsmen came out shining.

Seven individuals were qualified as pri-

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MILITARY BLOTTER

Traffic Court

There were a total of 96 traffic citations issued.

The Blotter

-In separate incidents, two Marines were arrested for driving under the influence by the Honolulu Police Department; bail was set for \$500.

-A Sailor was apprehended for a DUI on base.

-In separate incidents, two Marines reported that unknown person(s) stole their mountain bike; one reported the theft from the back patio of his quarters, the other from his front yard.

-A Marine was arrested for drinking in

public by HPD; bail was set for \$50.

-A Marine was apprehended for failure to obey a lawful order given to him by Military Police.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failing to maintain sufficient distance from a second vehicle.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) stole his American Flag from his garage.

On call



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Lance Cpl. Justin R. Bouton of Montgomery, Texas.

-A military dependent reported that unknown person(s) stole two Pioneer speakers and miscellaneous items from her vehicle.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) stole his vehicle from the parking lot of the Semper Fit Center.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) stole his wallet contain-

ing various personal items.
-A civilian was apprehended for trespassing and for DUI on base.

Lost and Found

To contact Lost and Found, please call Cpl. Fernandez at 257-2103, ext. 325.

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Prevention is looking for neighborhood representatives to take charge of local neighborhoods.

If you're interested in getting involved, call Crime Prevention at 257-2103, ext. 314.

Crime Prevention

Contact Cpl. Gordon Scott at Crime Prevention for police issues regarding crime prevention.

Call 257-2103, ext. 315.

VP-47, From A-12

many positional instructors — “Blue Cards” — and all seven were graded as above fleet average.

“Our new Blue Cards are: Navy Lt. Gene Cran, Navy Lt. Matt Langley, Lt. j.g. Doug Leavengood, Chief Petty Officer Kim Fernandez, Petty Officers 2nd Class

Dan Clark, James Mikolajczyk and Robert Doyle.

“These individuals are among the best at what they do and are now qualified to administer NATOPS evaluations to other personnel in the squadron,” said Neuzil.

The evaluators also said that the NATOPS department did a su-

perb job tracking the training and qualifications of all aircrew.

Lieutenant J.G. Doug Leavengood, one of the examinees, said, “This was a very thorough evaluation and we did well. “This in-depth scrutiny of VP-47’s operations will help the Golden Swordsmen prepare for and excel on their next deployment.”

‘Working at the car wash...’

Navy personnel from Executive Transport Detachment and their family members washed more than 20 cars at the Enlisted Club parking lot Sunday to help earn money for a Christmas party in December.



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

**PORT SECURITY,
From A-8**

cation. The fast boats are mainly used for drug interdiction, he said.

“The less than lethal training consists of many different uses of stun guns, nets and other devices,” he said.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Russell T. Shoultz, a former police officer from Long Beach, Miss., says his training here has been extremely beneficial.

As a crewman and .50 caliber machinegunner for one of the PSU-308’s boat crews, Shoultz said he learned so much more by actually being tested in the field.

“Our performance qualification standards (equivalent to Marine standard operating procedures) were evaluated and tested,” said Shoultz. “We were really challenged with the tasks of recalling all that we learned over the course of weeks, months and

even years.

“We were tested in MOUT training (urban warfare), communications, boat tactics, and machinegun use to name a few. I was really proud of how my team was doing in the exercise and how they were performing with the challenges at hand,” Shoultz said.

The PSU-308 training is an extremely important event and the Coast Guard thanks the Marine Corps for being so cooperative, said Gentile.

Commander Fred T. White, officer-in-charge of the Coast Guard TraDet, concurred with Gentile.

Commander White said that he wants the base to know “we love the Marine Corps.”

“The professionalism of the Marines here has lifted our professionalism,” said Cmdr. White. “It’s unbelievable how much help the Marines are and we are grateful for that.”



SALUTES

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362

Good Conduct Medals
Gunnery Sgt. Franklin E. Kline
Cpl. Shelon D. Hutchinson

Promotions
Gunnery Sgt. Michael T. Manning
Sgt. Jacob B. Jones
Sgt. Lucas R. Pratt
Sgt. Jonathan D. Albert
Sgt. Mathew A. Franks
Cpl. James R. Scarberry

Patrol Squadron 47

Navy Commendation Medal
Petty Officer 1st Class James Carter

Navy Achievement Medal
Navy Lt. Nomer Oytas
Petty Officer 1st Class Gary Bolin

Letter of Commendation
Petty Officer 1st Class Jennifer Knight



Combat Service Support Group 3

Navy Achievement Medal
Sgt. Douglas R. Quinn

Certificate of Commendation
Sgt. Timothy B. Wright
Sgt. Charles R. Ibatuan
Cpl. Adam R. Saucedo
Lance Cpl. Jason A. Ilarraza
Lance Cpl. Adam R. Brownlie
Lance Cpl. Garival Perez
Lance Cpl. David E. Walton.